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For: **DEVICE FOR DISPENSING PRODUCT**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

With respect to the non-English language documents, Applicant submits the following remarks:

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1. DE 77 07 773 - An English language translation of this document is submitted herewith.

2. EP 0 182 094 - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.

3. JP 9-77136 - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language abstract submitted herewith.

Applicant has enclosed a copy of the priority application's French Search Report for the Examiner's consideration.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the U.S. Patent Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.


Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please  
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Respectfully submitted,

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